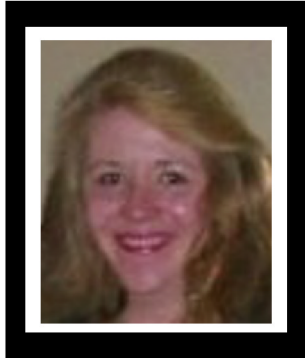


# Meet our 2014 Spring Youth Director



Pamela Jones

I am very excited to be directing the Spring Youth Theater show, *The Little Mermaid*. Working with young up and coming actors is so exhilarating. I believe what makes a good show great is the collaboration with the actors, helping them discover new ways to help their characters come alive. One critical component is FUN. If the show becomes work then some of the magic is lost and I am confident that the Spring show will be full of magic!

My stage career began as I directed plays and adventures in my Farmington neighborhood with a cast of several neighborhood kids who endured my never ending *Star Trek* and *Lost In Space* adventures in my childhood yard. I then blossomed into a young writer and director as I adapted plays in elementary school, (through the encouragement and indulgence of my teachers) I wrote, produced and directed: *What the Old Man Does is Always Right*, *Bluebeard*, *Charlie Brown* and *Little House On the Prairie* (before it was a TV show). At the age of 15 I was asked to join the Utah Opera Company and studied under the late Glade Peterson. During my 7 year tenure (and 21 operas later) I learned staging from some of the best including Matthew Farruggio, Stage Director of the San Francisco Opera Company and Sarah Ventura, International Stage Director (based in Geneva). As an adult I have been fortunate to work with Youth both civically and ecclesiastically in plays and musicals. I served as a member of the Lehi Arts Council for two years and enjoyed directing the Christmas Program. I also served in New Jersey as a member and director of an "excerpt from the *Sound of Music*." Returning to my childhood home here in Farmington 7 years ago was a fantastic move for me. I currently work as an IT Project Manager for Dell, a company that fully supports their employees in volunteering in their communities. It's fabulous to be "home" and wonderful to have the opportunity to give back to the community that raised me. The arts are so important to a community and the Arts in Farmington are a passion we can all share. I look forward to creating with you *Under the Sea*!

**Auditions for *The Little Mermaid* will be held Thursday January 9th & Saturday January 11th. For details on auditions or the show please visit [www.facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec](http://www.facebook.com/farmingtoncityparksandrec) and go to the events page or visit**